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Rao Sahib Dr. T. Verghese

Motion lost, 17 for and 23 against

The Cochin Code of Criminal Procedure (Amendment) Bill—Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Mr. President, I move that the Criminal Procedure Code (Amendment) Bill be taken into consideration, as reported by the Select Committee. In doing that, I have to make one or two observations. At the earlier stage of the Bill, the Hon'ble Advocate-General while stating that the principle of the Bill is accepted by the Government, was pleased to qualify that statement by saying that this being a Bill which affects the liberty of the subjects, something to be done to protect his liberties, requires minute consideration, just to see that it satisfies all that is wanted. I expressed my thanks for that attitude of the Government then and there and that attitude of the Government I am glad to say was consistently followed at the Select Committee stage. Examination was necessary and the Select Committee very carefully scrutinised the Bill and the result of their careful consideration is what is published in the shape of the Select Committee report. I am sure that my Hon'ble colleagues would have read it and from the Select Committee report it is clear that the best thought has been spent upon it and consistently with the position taken up by the Government at the earlier stage, the Committee has made some slight verbal changes, *viz.*, for the word "State" they have put "Cochin State" and for the word "Court", the words "High Court" have been put in for the purpose of clarity. Considering the present circumstances and perhaps the future circumstances also, that a person might have to be sent by the High Court to be brought before a military tribunal, the words "Court Martial or Tribunal" have been inserted. That has been put in as an addition. Except for these verbal changes, there have been no other changes. So, there is no necessity to speak at length on this Bill. It is a Bill that ought to have been on the Statute much earlier. I, therefore, commend it for the acceptance of this House.

Mr. T. P. Poulose *(Kanayannur):* Any changes from the British Act?

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Absolutely no changes, except those suited to our conditions, and circumstances. But those changes were made in the original Bill. No material change has been made in that Bill, except some verbal alterations and the additions adverted already, adverted to by me.

Mr. M. Sivarama Menon *(Advocate-General):* The Government are not opposing this Bill.

The Motion put and carried
Clause 2 put and carried
Clause 1 and Preamble put and carried

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan *(Vadakkancheri):* Sir, I move that the Bill be taken up and finally passed into law tomorrow.

Motion put and carried

The Food question in Cochin State—*(cont.)*

Mrs. Joshua *(Trichur-Women):* I would invite the special attention of the Government on two points which deserve the best consideration at the hands of the Government. We are happy, rice is rationed 7 out of 8 days. But this benefit is taken away by the compulsion to purchase wheat. There is no exaggeration when I say that a good section of the poor people forego the rice ration for want of money to purchase the wheat. Imagine, how hard the Rule works on those who are most needy! When wheat was distributed free the other day, the officers concerned

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